Failure of crops due to drought.

104. *Mr. N. V. Chacko : Will the Government be pleased to state :

( ) the average amount of failure of crops during every year owing to drought in the taluks of Kunnatnad, Muvattupuzha and Parur ; and

(*b*) whether they have any scheme for preventing the failure of crops in future owing to drought in these taluks ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : (*a*) No accurate statistics are available.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know the nature of the scheme under consideration ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : There are several items of work of local utility being considered and undertaken. Besides, there is a scheme for irrigating fields by lift irrigation as soon as the Pallivasal Hydro Electric Scheme is completed.

Construction of a new building for the Perumpavur Munsiff's Court.

105. *Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 18,680 has been sanctioned as early as 17th March 1915 for the construction of a new building for the Perumpavur Munsiff's Court ;

(*b*) whether there have been cases of theft by breaking open doors in Munsiff's Court building at Perumpavur in the years 1110 to 1113 ;

(*c*) whether the High Court have recommended to the Government on many occasions that the Munsiff's Court building is unsafe, ill-ventilated and not spacious enough and that a new building has to be put up without delay.

(*d*) how many times the High Court has recommended like this ; and

(*e*) what action was taken by the Government on the recommendation of the High Court mentioned above ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There have been two attempts at theft.

(*c*) Yes. The High Court have also recommended urgent improvements to the existing building.

(*d*) Twice.

(*e*) The estimate for the construction of a building for the Munsiff's Court at Perumpavur was first sanctioned, but since then the question of the construction of a building to house all the

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly